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TOPIC Army Troops of the First Gds Mecz Army at the Jueterbog/Forst ZinnaTroop Training Grounds

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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 2 September 1955REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 1330 on 18 August 1955, 18 rocket launchers, approximately 30 trucks and 1 workshop truck were loaded at the Forst Zinna railroad station and dispatched to Meissen in Saxony. The shipment also included 10 boxcars with personnel and 3 boxcars with ammunition. ¹

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2. At 0730 on 19 August, 12 guns of approximately 120-mm caliber, 16 caterpillar tractors, 19 trucks and 1 workshop truck were loaded at the Jueterbog railroad station and dispatched to Koenigsbrueck via Dresden. The shipment also included 11 boxcars. ²

3. On 19 August, three troop trains went from Jueterbog to Koenigsbrueck and 2 or 3 trains to Meissen. The trains had been loaded in Forst Zinna, Jueterbog and Jueterbog Altes Lager. ³

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4. On 14 August, 2 trucks and 9 M-13 launchers were seen at the Jueterbog/Forst Zinna troop training grounds. In the evening of 15 August, the training grounds were restricted. Fifteen rocket launchers had been emplaced in the forest section 16 - Priemerwald - forest section 44 area. Approximately 40 trucks were parked in the vicinity. ¹ At 2000, a column of approximately 30 trucks towing 13 x 100-mm AT guns came from the direction of Jueterbog.

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² From 0750 to 1130 on 16 August, firing with rocket launchers and, at 2100, firing with AT guns was practiced. ¹ On 17 August, the training grounds were restricted. From 1800 to 1900 and after 2120, firing practices were held. On 17 August, a troop train consisting of 14 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars with 18 M-13 rocket launchers and approximately 35 trucks was seen at the Forst Zinna railroad station headed toward Jueterbog. ¹ From 0830 on 18 August, firing was practiced.

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1. Comment. Probably firing practices and return shipments of elements of the unidentified rocket launchers regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army, which were transferred from Meissen to Forst Zinna on 21 July and 13 August.

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2. Comment. Type of guns, their towing vehicles and destination tend to indicate that the units of the unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army are concerned.

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These troop trains did, consequently, not carry artillery units of the 11th Gds Tank Div. as has been assumed.

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3. Comment. The troop trains going from Jueterbog to Koenigsbrueck probably carried elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army (compare with Comment No. 2 above) and the troop trains going to Meisau carried elements of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army (compare with Comment No. 1, above).

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